

BIOGRAPHY

United States Air Force Reserve

Colonel Betty A. Bowen



440th Airlift Wing
GMIAP ARS WI 53207-6299

Colonel Betty A. Bowen is commander of the 440th Mission Support Group, General Mitchell International Airport - Air Reserve Station, Milwaukee, Wis. Bowen, an air reserve technician, has the primary responsibility of formulating plans and establishing policies for 700 reservists within the Mission Support Group staff agencies and Civil

Engineering, Communications, Mission Support, Security Forces, Services, 34th Aerial Port, Logistics Readiness Squadrons, and the Base Contracting Flight. She ensures effective cooperation between the wing's functional support areas and assigned units to make sure that the primary mission is accomplished.

Colonel Bowen was born in Carbondale, Penn. After entering the Air Force in 1980, she received her commission through Officer Training School, graduating as a distinguished graduate. She separated from active duty in September 1984 and joined the Air Reserve Technician program as a full-time civil service employee with active participation as an Air Force Reservist.

During her career, Colonel Bowen has supervised the mobilization and demobilization processing of 1,978 reservists during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm (1990-91). Bowen was the officer charged with managing the placement of 600 displaced reservists in 1995 when several C-141 Starlifter transport flying squadrons at McGuire AFB, N.J. were reduced in size. Seven reservists retired and 593 were successfully placed in other positions. Colonel Bowen also coordinated the expenditure of 2,078 mandays (a category of Reserve pay) by Reserve Security Forces specialists, civil engineers and communications technicians supporting Air Force operations in Kosovo, and Persian Gulf nations. The advent of the aerospace expeditionary force concept has meant more work for Bowen and her staff. In 2001, they successfully managed the filling, tracking, and recovery of the reservists who filled more than 700 AEF taskings.

Colonel Bowen is a lifetime member of the Reserve Officers Association.

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	October 1, 1980
First Lieutenant	October 1, 1982
Captain	October 17, 1986
Major	March 7, 1991
Lieutenant Colonel	June 13, 1996
Colonel	March 30, 2001

EDUCATION:

1977:	Bachelor of Science Degree in Health and Physical Education, West Chester University, Pennsylvania.
1987:	Squadron Officer School
1995:	Air Command and Staff College
1999:	Air War College

ASSIGNMENTS:

October 1980 - August 1982:

Chief, separations units, 370th Personnel Resources Group, Lackland AFB, Texas

September 1982 - August 1983:

Morale, welfare and recreation officer, 438th Air Base Group, McGuire AFB, N.J.

September 1983 - September 1984:

Chief, Quality Force, 438th Air Base Group, McGuire AFB, N.J.

October 1984 - January 1985:

Personnel officer, 514th Air Base Group, McGuire AFB, N.J.

February 1985 - September 1988:

Chief, Consolidated Base Personnel Office, 910th Tactical Airlift Group, Youngstown Municipal Airport, Ohio

October 1988 - February 1998:

Commander, 514th Military Personnel Flight, McGuire AFB, N.J.

March 1998 - May 2000:

Deputy commander, 514th Support Group, McGuire AFB, N.J.

June 2000 - February 2001:

Commander 514th Support Group, McGuire AFB, N.J.

March 2001 - October 2002:

Commander 440th Support Group, General Mitchell IAP-ARS, Wis.

October 2002 - Present:

Commander 440th Mission Support Group, General Mitchell IAP-ARS, Wis.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with five oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal

Armed Forces Reserve Medal